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Our [illegible] Stand

WRITING in connection with Lord Wavell's plan to perpetuate British domination of India, Professor Harold Laski says, "The Viceroy's veto remains, Moslems are given representation out of all proportion to their numbers; there is an unfortunate implication that the Indian National Congress is a body of caste Hindus. If the whole plan be accepted, India would remain a vast bureaucracy tempered by Viceregal discretion." Professor Laski then refers to the recent decision of the India Office to resume recruitment in England for the Indian Civil Service, and says, "that this decision suggests to one's mind that the British still envisage a fairly long period before they quit India, or alternatively, intend to saddle India for many years with the payment of considerable sums of money as compensation for possible loss of office."

A scheme riddled with such glaring defects would in earlier years have been summarily rejected by the Indian National Congress as beneath its consideration. As a matter of fact, Cripps' proposals were no worse than Wavell's are. How did our leaders in India receive the Cripps' proposals? They turned these down categorically, and came out with the now world-famous "Quit India" resolution. In so doing, they had to face a ruthless persecution at the hands of the British, but this did not daunt them. As a result, most of them were clapped into jail, and thousands of their followers were beaten or shot to death because they loyally stood by the "Quit India" resolution.

In the light of these facts, it should be regarded as a deplorable retreat on the part of the Congress, if they now went back on the "Quit India" resolution, and agreed to Wavell's proposals. Indeed, it would be a gross betrayal of the countless martyrs who have shed their blood in pursuance of the Congress mandate, "Do or Die."

We are, therefore, awaiting the result of the Simla Conference with the keenest anxiety. If it transpires that the Congress has after all fallen in with Wavell's cunning overtures for compromise, we will have to put it down to a spirit of defeatism that seems to have come among some of our leaders in India in the wake of the Allied victory over Germany.

Wavell's proposals are an extremely clever move, from the British point of view. Their acceptance by India would mean at one and the same time an end to Soviet threat to British power in India, and release of unlimited supply of India's manpower and material resources for Britain's imperialist war against Nippon. But the acceptance will not bring India one inch nearer to her long-cherished goal of independence. On the contrary, it will considerably retard our progress.

That is why Netaji Bose has been making a dead set against Wavell's scheme. As far as we Indians in East Asia are concerned, the acceptance or rejection of that scheme by the leaders in India—many of the Left Wing are still languishing in prison—will not and must not affect our determination to fight British Imperialism with armed force, until India is absolutely free of that century-long curse.

Nippon Press Pay High Tribute To Okinawa Heroes

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Both Army And Civilians Fought To Bitter End For Nippon's Glory

Tokyo, June 26 (Domei)—Metropolitan journals unanimously paid the highest tribute to the gallant spirit with which Nippon armed forces and civilians on Okinawa fought to the bitter end, and urged the nation's full preparedness for a decisive battle.

The Asahi said: "The Okinawa battle entered its final stage with fighting between the main Nippon and American forces already over. We cannot but be deeply impressed when we recall how gallantly our ground forces and Special Attack Corps fought against overwhelming odds. That the enemy has suffered 80,000 ground casualties and lost 600 ships sunk or damaged clearly shows the high price paid for the Okinawa operation.

"It is not known yet where the enemy plans to direct his next operation. However, no doubt his ultimate objective is an invasion of the Nippon mainland. In the battle of the homeland, we will be fighting with a number of strategic advantages; however, we cannot make capital of these favourable conditions unless we have an indomitable will to fight.

"The gallant resistance of the Okinawa defences earned us three months time in which to prepare for the next battle, while the heavy losses inflicted on the enemy points the way in which we can defeat the numerically superior enemy, and the only way to repay the supreme sacrifice of the armed forces and civilians on Okinawa is to make full use of these factors in preparing for the coming battle."

Belgian Leftist Paper Warns King Leopold

Lisbon, June 25 (Domei)—The Belgian Communist paper 'Drapeau Rouge' today warned King Leopold of Belgium that a "rising by democrats and a general strike by workers" will result if the King carries out his reported intention of naming Ganshof van der Meersch, Chief of the Belgian military judiciary, as his premier, according to a Brussels dispatch. Ganshof is now visiting the King at Salzburg.

Declaring that the King could not choose a better way of showing bad intention, the paper said, "The Belgians do not want a police government—the precursor of royal fascism."

Reports from Salzburg, meantime, said that utmost precautions are being taken to guard the King's life.

All means of access to King Leopold's villa are being heavily guarded.

SYRIA & LEBANON SHOULD SERVE AS OBJECT LESSON TO MILLIONS OF INDIANS

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Netaji Lauds Leaders' Timely Action To Assert Long Lost Independence

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Lauding the leaders of Syria and Lebanon and other Arab States on their political sagacity in utilising one Imperialism to eliminate another to obtain their freedom, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, in a statement on the Syrian situation, declares that this should serve as an object lesson to his countrymen who also should utilise the enemies of Britain to overthrow British power in India.

The text of Netaji's statement is given below:

The situation that has arisen in Syria and Lebanon, in which the British are giving armed support to the Arab population, against Britain's own ally, France, is significant in many ways. Up till now, British and French Imperialism—in Africa, in Western Asia and in East Asia—have had an unholy alliance and have been dividing the spoils of war. Within my memory, this is the first instance in which British imperialism has not only come out openly against French Imperialism, but has used armed force against it. British politicians are shrewd enough to realise that if today they act against France, then France may tomorrow act against Britain. They must also be realising that if Syria and Lebanon achieve complete independence, the day is not far off when the neighbouring Arab States—Palestine, Iraq, etc.,—will be encouraged and emboldened to take up arms against British Imperialism.

Consequently, by resisting French Imperialism in Syria and Lebanon with armed force, Britain is playing with fire. Why then have the British taken such a step which is fraught with danger for British Imperialism in future? In my view, Britain is now acting with a double motive. First and foremost, Britain wants to force France to fall completely in line with her and to give up her alliance with Soviet Russia. Syria and Lebanon are being used by Britain as a demonstration that where French interests are concerned, it is Britain—and not Soviet Russia—that can either help or thwart France.

General De Gaulle and his Government are now smarting under the humiliation that French troops have been chased out of Syria and Lebanon by the armed might of Britain. In his despair, General De Gaulle has called for a conference of the Big Powers to consider and settle the entire question of the Middle East. Evidently, what General De Gaulle has in mind is that if France has to clear out of Syria and Lebanon, Britain should also clear out of Palestine, Egypt, Iraq, and other Arab States.

The British are prepared to have a conference with France and the United States over the problem of the Middle East, but are unwilling to let Soviet Russia participate in that con-

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Nippon Nation Is Fully Prepared For Foe's Next Move

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Premier Suzuki Convinced Of Certain Victory In Greater E. Asia War

Tokyo, June 27 (Domei)—Offering profound thanks to the Nippon garrison forces and other service units which co-operated in the defence of Okinawa and expressing deep appreciation to the Okinawa civilians who co-operated and sacrificed their lives for the cause of the country, Premier Baron Kantaro Suzuki declared that the spiritual blows dealt on the enemy in the Okinawa campaign had been serious enough to cause a setback in the enemy's prosecution of his operations. Considered in this sense, he said, we may say that the defence put up by our garrison forces, although ultimately unsuccessful, was a victory in smashing the enemy's fighting spirit.

The Premier spoke in a nation-wide broadcast from Tokyo yesterday evening. He expressed full belief that the enemy invader, despite his haughtiness and contempt for Nippon, has bitterly learned how difficult it will be to invade the Nippon homeland.

Pointing out that Nippon is fighting a war of justice which has no parallel in the world, the Premier emphatically declared that Nippon surely will win this war. However protracted the war may become and whatever difficulties may confront the nation, there is only one path open to our country, and that is to endure them and fight hard to achieve ultimate victory and thereby realize the object of this sacred war.

Other highlights of his address are as follows:

During the past three months of valiant fighting against

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Nippon Forces Assume Initiative In Burma

Lisbon, June 25 (Domei)—Assuming the initiative, Nipponese forces in Burma have begun to lash out aeross the Sittaung River against British foremost positions on the opposite bank after apparently reorganising their forces on the east bank of the Lower Sittaung, a New Delhi dispatch reported today, quoting an Indian Army observer in Burma.

The observer said that the Nipponese have increased the scale of their cross-river shelling and seem to have thrown troops across the river in some places in force.

Slipping across the Sittaung, a Nipponese attacking patrol party on Saturday smashed into the rear of British positions on the west bank, supported by mortar and gun fire from the opposite bank, the observer said.

Yesterday morning before dawn, another Nipponese raiding party attacked British forward positions, he said.

Three Enemy Warships Sunk Off Balik Papan

A Nippon Base in the Southern Regions, June 26 (Domei)—Two enemy cruisers and one cruiser or large destroyer were instantaneously sunk and a 20,000-ton tanker damaged at twilight yesterday when crack Nippon aerial attack forces launched a devastating torpedo assault on enemy surface forces cruising off Balik Papan, according to initial reports received here.

It is believed that the enemy's losses are greater than that disclosed by the initial reports. The Nippon air force struck heavily at enemy surface units which have been manoeuvring off the south-east coast of Borneo after shelling Balik Papan on June 20 and 22

A 20,000-ton tanker received a direct torpedo hit from the Nippon raiders which hurled themselves in full force at the enemy naval formation.

Air Assaults On Enemy Surface Craft Continue

Ryukyu Front, June 27 (Domei)—Nippon air forces continued furious attacks against enemy surface craft in Okinawa waters as well as enemy airfields, between Monday night and the following morning. Lately, there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of enemy carrier-planes but a substantial increase in land-based planes operating in the Okinawa sector.

Meanwhile, 200 and scores of enemy surface craft, including three battleships and as many cruisers and a number of large, medium and small transports, still remain in waters off Kerama Island.

The latest checkup of results of the attack by our air force on enemy warships in Okinawa waters on June 22, meantime, revealed that one enemy cruiser was confirmedly set ablaze in addition to the seven surface craft previously announced as either sunk or damaged.

Random Notes

By CHANAKYA

You who have been fortunate to listen to Netaji's address personally last Sunday and you will readily, I hope, concede to me the privilege of translating into black and white, the avalanche of thoughts and hurricane of feelings that it raised in me, though I am warned that language in this instance might turn out to be a feeble vehicle to express myself. You would not be surprised if I were to candidly confess that the reflections following are also influenced by the politic statements of Netaji issued since the 14th of the month.

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No pious platitudes. A dispassionate review of the past, a sane analysis of the present and a judicial insight into the future. Piercing into the very marrow and soul of Reality. That's what our Leader-Patriot has revealed by his speech and statements.

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Temporary setbacks have failed to unnerve him. Like a gigantic granite rock unaffected by any tornado, he remains today as the same Netaji whom we welcomed into our midst on the 4th of July, 2603. As a philosopher he takes every failure as a stepping-stone to success; as an uncompromising Commander, he sticks to his one great object, unruffled by any untoward circumstances; as a patriot-soldier, he continues to evince a determination not to recede from the heavy task he has taken upon his shoulders unless Victory or Death comes to release him; as a politician, he is fully conscious that the hour of the liberation of his country is near at hand, in spite of the joint machinations and manoeuvres that the ingenuity of the enemy can devise and its rascality execute; as a statesman, he pries very deep into the causes that contribute to the welfare of humanity at large, approaching the issue through the untarnished luminosity of liberty, equality, fraternity and prosperity; and last but not least, as a hero he dares forward heedless of the gag and the gibbet.

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Let me not indulge in this strain too much. Let me cast the anchor of my reflections, lest mine should be interpreted as a panegyric, an emotional or enthusiastic outburst. Suffice it to say, before us stands a genuine leader who demands our every immolation, for, out of that sacrificial fire shall arise like an exhalation the immaculate Goddess of India, singing that melodious and all-inspiring epithet, JAI HIND!

Indian Welfare Workers Sponsor Mass Meeting

Under the auspices of the Indian Welfare Association a united mass meeting of all communities will be held at the Dai Toa Gekijo on Saturday next at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of encouraging the all-out support and co-operation of the masses with the Nipponese forces in defence measures against enemy attacks.

The meeting will be followed by a concert and cinema show. The public is invited.

50,000 Foe Casualties On Okinawa Admitted

Lisbon, June 25 (Domei)—A report relayed by the American Office of War Information today said that the Americans "suffered about 50,000 casualties, including a grim toll of 12,000 American dead," on Okinawa and the operations in adjacent waters.

Nipponese Kamikaze pilots sank at least 26 American ships and damaged 54 others, the report said, adding, "In no previous naval engagement have we sustained any damage approaching this."

Syria & Lebanon Should Serve As Object-Lesson To Indian People

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ference. This is because Britain apprehends that Soviet Russia may adopt a line inimical to British interests in the Middle East and that in a conference of the Big Powers, France and Soviet Russia are likely to act together.

Consequently, Britain's refusal to summon a conference of all the Big Powers to discuss the problem of the Middle East is as much a move against Soviet Russia, as against France. It is noteworthy that in this attitude Britain has the support of the United States of America.

There is a further motive behind Britain's move against France in Syria and Lebanon. It is a well-known fact that the Arab world as a whole—from Iraq and Syria and in the East to Algeria and Morocco in the west—has been intensely anti-British ever since Britain broke her promise of liberty to the Arabs made during the first world-war. As a result of this, the Arabs, who were intensely pro-British during the first-world war aligned themselves morally with the Axis Powers in the second world-war. The Grand Mufti of Palestine and the ex-Premier of Iraq, Gaillani escaped to Europe from the clutches of the British, in order to seek the help of the Axis Powers—and of Germany in particular—aganist their British oppressors. Under the leadership of the Grand Mufti, plans were drawn up for a Federation of Free Arab States. It is as a counterblast to an Arab League under the leadership of Egypt, sponsored by British politicians. But the British realised that the anti-British attitude of the Arab world was persisting and it was a potential menace to British imperialism.

A Gesture

The British, therefore, considered it necessary to make some gesture which would win the sympathy of the Arab world. The situation in Syria and Lebanon gave the British that much-desired opportunity, and at the expense of France, they have been trying to demonstrate their sympathy for the Arabs.

For the time being, the British have, no doubt, been able to win the sympathy of the Arabs by actively resisting French Imperialism in Syria and Lebanon. But, in the long run, the British are bound to fail in achieving both their objectives.

Firstly, General De Gaulle cannot give up his close alliance with Soviet Russia and align himself with Britain, for the simple reason that French public opinion being predominantly leftist in character, no Government can remain in power in France if it adopts an anti-Soviet attitude.

Secondly, though the British might succeed in ridding Syria and Lebanon of French power and influence, there is no doubt that other Arab States which are controlled or ruled by Britain will rise up in arms against British imperialism encouraged by the success of the Syrians and the Lebanese.

An Object Lesson

I heartily congratulate the leaders of Syria and Lebanon as well as the leaders of the other Arab States on their political sagacity in utilising one Imperialism to eliminate another. This should be an object-lesson to the Indian people who also should utilise the enemies of Britain for overthrowing British power in India. There is another lesson, too, which India has to learn from Syria and Lebanon of today.

The people of Syria and Lebanon have chosen the proper psychological moment for striking for their independence. That psychological moment came when the war in Europe terminated and the change-over from war to peace began. The change-over from war to peace is a period of unrest which is unfavourable to the victorious powers.

Consequently, if the worst happens and India fails to achieve her independence during the course of this war, India will still have another golden opportunity for making a bid for liberty, when the present war comes to an end.

While talking of the Arab question, I must say that the Grand Mufti of Palestine and ex-Premier of Iraq, Gaillani, are among the most popular leaders of the Arab world. It has been reported that the Grand Mufti was arrested in Germany and taken to Paris. This has caused great anxiety not only in the minds of the Arab people in general, but also in the minds of all Asiatics who give their fullest support to the Arab Nations in their struggle against British and French Imperialisms.

I have had the honour and privilege of knowing both the Grand Mufti and ex-Premier Gaillani intimately and, during my last stay in Europe, I had the opportunity of making a close study of the Arab question. I, therefore, hope that Britain and France will not be foolish enough to do any harm to these two universally respected Arab leaders. If they do so, against the voice of prudence, they will have to pay for it in a measure which is now beyond their imagination.

60,000 Labourers Strike Work Throughout Trieste

Zurich, June 25 (Domei)—Desmond Tighe, Reuter correspondent, reported from Trieste that 60,000 workers downed tools throughout Trieste today in a strike following mysterious telephone calls in the first light of morning.

Dock labourers, factory workers and trolley bus and tramway crews are involved in the strike, while even the market square is deserted, the correspondent said.

Tighe said that the exact cause of the strike is not yet known, but some evidence suggests it is the work of local Communist leaders in reprisal against measures taken by Anglo-American occupation authorities.

I.N.A. Hospital Patients To Be Feted Tomorrow

The next Hospital function for the entertainment of Azad Hind Fauj patients will take place tomorrow. The occasion will be graced by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of the Azad Hind Fauj.

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overwhelmingly numerically-superior enemy invaders, the Nippon garrison forces on Okinawa Island had dealt a shocking blow to the enemy. It is a matter of profound regret that notwithstanding such gallant defence on their part, we must admit the situation has now reached a very difficult stage. During this period, our air and sea forces co-operated with our ground forces with all their might by carrying out repeated special attacks against the enemy. Great has been the blow dealt on the enemy in this battle. The enemy's personnel casualties have been several times more than ours, while his losses in surface craft have been more than ten times greater than ours.

Fellow countrymen, we are now confronted with the imminent situation of being subjected to the enemy's fire. The enemy's arrogant counter-offensive in sole reliance on his superiority in resources is expected to be further intensified and lead even to the invasion of our mainland. We must also be fully prepared for the enemy's intensified air raids. We are now confronted with a crucial situation which will decide our country's destiny.

With the entire nation maintaining complete solidarity, we will remain calm and unshaken no matter what situation may arise. Life or death of any Nippon individual is no longer worth giving consideration. It is by offering our lives to the eternal cause of our country and by protecting the glorious history of our country that we can achieve our true wish as Nippon nationals. Whether the Nippon people will be able to withstand a protracted war and achieve ultimate victory hinges upon their determination and efforts

Meanwhile, in a Cabinet message issued to the nation yesterday, Premier Suzuki paid the highest tribute to the gallant resistance put up by our defenders of Okinawa and expressed the grim determination of Government to exert its utmost efforts in the defence of the Nippon homeland. He pointed out that the Okinawa operations have greatly contributed to improving Nippon's strategic position. Our strategy has already been fixed, while measures are being pushed ahead for boosting our fighting strength, he said. As a result of the organization of the People's Volunteer Corps, our nation has been rigidly regimented.

Government will go ahead to carry out measures with speed and resolution in accordance with its already enunciated policies.

OBITUARY

Relatives and friends are hereby informed that my cousin S. Vidyasagar passed away peacefully in Johore Bahru Hospital on 22nd inst., and I duly record my thanks to those who attended the funeral ceremony.

P. S. Kharan, Kluang.

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Settlement Of Levant Issue Now Requested

Lisbon, June 25 (Domei)—The French Provisional Government threatened to delay the adjournment of the San Francisco Conference today when it flung the Levant issue squarely before the weary delegates with the request that the Conference assist France in the settlement of the dispute, according to a San Francisco dispatch.

The French request for the setting up of a three-man commission to investigate the Levant question caused a flurry of excitement among the delegates as it came suddenly as a last-minute move only a day before the Conference is scheduled to end with a whirl of routine formalities.

The French request came as a damper to American President Harry Truman who arrived in San Francisco today in order to put a dramatic finish to the San Francisco Conference.

The dispatch indicated that the San Francisco Conference would probably turn down the French request owing to the fear that any discussion of the Levant issue would lead to a further postponement of the Conference's adjournment.

The San Francisco Conference today rushed through the formality of adopting a 10,000-word charter setting up a new international organisation to be known as the United Nations.

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